

HOUSE....No. 47.

[Reported by the Committee on Finance as an Amendment to the Resolves (House, No. 22,) for the purchase of Land and the erection of a Second Hospital for the Insane.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine.

AN ACT

Authorizing the Erection of a Second Hospital for the Insane.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1 SECT. 1. His excellency the governor, with the
2 advice and consent of the council, is hereby author-
3 ized and empowered to appoint a board of three com-
4 missioners, who shall purchase an eligible site in
5 such section of the Commonwealth as the said com-

6 commissioners may deem expedient, and cause to be
7 erected thereon a suitable hospital for the care and
8 cure of the insane, the accommodations of such hos-
9 pital to be sufficient for two hundred and fifty pa-
10 tients, a superintendent and steward, their families,
11 and all the necessary subordinate officers. And the
12 said commissioners shall have power to make all
13 contracts and employ all agents necessary to carry
14 into effect the powers hereinbefore granted: *pro-*
15 *vided*, that the aggregate amount of expenses and
16 liabilities, incurred by virtue of said powers, shall not
17 exceed the amount of one hundred thousand dollars;
18 and the said commissioners shall present all their
19 accounts to the governor and council, to be by them
20 audited and allowed, from time to time, as they shall
21 deem proper.

1 SECT. 2. In order to defray any expenses incurred,
2 in pursuance of the preceding section, or to repay
3 any sums borrowed as hereinafter authorized, the
4 treasurer is hereby empowered, under the direction
5 of the governor, with the advice and consent of the
6 council, to issue scrip or certificates of debt, in the
7 name and behalf of the Commonwealth, and under
8 his signature and the seal of the Commonwealth, to an
9 amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars,
10 which may be expressed in the currency of Great
11 Britain, and shall be payable to the holder thereof
12 in London, bearing an interest of five per cent. paya-
13 ble semi-annually, in London, on the first days of
14 April and October, with warrants for the interest
15 attached thereto, signed by the treasurer, which scrip
16 or certificates shall be redeemable in London, on the

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17 first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-three,
18 and shall be countersigned by the governor of the
19 Commonwealth, and be deemed a pledge of the faith
20 and credit of the Commonwealth for the redemption
21 thereof. And the treasurer may, under the direction
22 of the governor and council, dispose of any portion
23 of said scrip, at any price not less than its original
24 par value.

1 SECT. 3. Such surplus of the Western Railroad
2 stock sinking fund, as may remain after the redemp-
3 tion of the stock issued by the Commonwealth to
4 defray the amount of its subscription as a stock-
5 holder of the Western Railroad, together with one
6 half of the proceeds of such public lands, in the
7 State of Maine, as may be sold after the year eight-
8 een hundred and fifty-six, shall constitute a sinking
9 fund for the redemption of the scrip issued as herein-
10 before authorized, until such fund shall amount, with
11 all interest accrued thereon, to the sum of one hun-
12 dred thousand dollars.

1 SECT. 4. The treasurer, under the direction of the
2 governor and council, may borrow, in anticipation of
3 the issue of any of the scrip authorized as above, of
4 any of the banks of this Commonwealth, or of any
5 corporations or individuals, such sums as may be
6 necessary for any of the purposes of this act: *pro-*
7 *vided*, that the whole amount borrowed by authority
8 hereof, and remaining unpaid, shall at no time exceed
9 the amount of one hundred thousand dollars.

